

CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

Southern News.

Tennessee has nearly seven hundred more public schools in operation than it had last year.

It is now estimated that Georgia's crop of dried peaches will amount in value this year to \$1,600,000.

The New Orleans gas-light company has won a suit against the city for over \$100,000.

The Texas farmers are not complaining of hard times, as they are but little in debt and have the finest crop prospects known for years.

The Boston capitalists who have purchased the North and South railroad in Georgia, obligate themselves to complete the road by October, 1880.

The Fish and Game Association of Alexandria, Va., recommends the extermination of the English sparrow by any possible plan that may be suggested.

Mr. Sumner, of New Orleans, suffered his arm to protrude four or five inches from a street car window, and had it broken by a passing car. He obtained \$7,000 damages.

Charleston hopes to have thirty feet of water on Charleston bar from the jetties which will be built out of the Congressional appropriation of \$200,000 for the benefit of the harbor.

Since the cotton factory and cotton seed oil mill were started at Natchez, every vacant house in the city has been occupied and there is a demand for more houses.

On the voyage of the Azar to Liberia: The suffering of the immigrants were intense. They had never been accustomed to practice self-denial, and soon exhausted the limited daily supply of water. There was great waste despite the efforts of the officers.

The fever spread rapidly, and before we reached this point, which is a colonial settlement on the west coast, belonging to Great Britain, twenty-five of the afflicted emigrants had died. I have never seen a sadder sight than their remains were committed to the deep. The names of the dead will go to you by the first mail steamer that touches at this place.

Gen. Trenchard on Communism: No, we have nothing to fear at present from it. But if the Government be unjust and oppressive, Communism may come, and I say let it come. I would lead myself to secure justice. You ask me if Socialism is a species of Communism. The answer is, yes.

Germany has been practicing and agitating among the intellectuals and cultured men of the realm. Why Robespierre, you know, was a gentleman, and even Robespierre, who attempted to kill Papen and Wilhelm, is a scholar. Communism, on the contrary, begins in the lower walks, and is generally practiced among laborers and disaffected people of the poorer classes. They are both the outgrowth of unjust systems of legislative and tyrannical administrations.

The Alexandria (Virginia) Gazette says that correspondents in London, Paniquier and Esparbanoek continue to inform us as to the condition of the foliage in those counties in such a way that it looks black; that the wheat is higher than the fences, as thick as it can well stand, and that its golden heads, under the influence of the breeze, wave in the sunlight like sheets of flame; that although cattle graze on the thousand hills, hundreds of cattle graze on a single hill, and flocks of sheep on every hill; that eggs sell for sixpence a dozen, and the best of butter for ten cents a pound; that the land is flowing with milk, and would with honey, were it time—and that every prospect, please, and only man is vile.

Foreign News Items.

The famine in India is slowly dying out everywhere; the survivors are recovering health and strength, and the small quantities of food imported show that the people have a sufficiency of grain.

Among the curious objects which Norway has on display at the Paris exposition are fish-skins tanned for gloves; sealskins prepared for harness; shark-skins, ten feet long and three feet wide, suited to various purposes, and whale-skins, sixty feet long, for driving-bands for machinery.

One of the plagues of Egypt has visited several districts in county Down, Ireland. A fly, hitherto unknown, but almost the size of a house-fly, has appeared in vast numbers as to fill the air like a mist. They molest the animal kingdom, attacking swarms of bees, cats and mice, and inflicting a venomous sting which produces inflammation, sometimes closing the eyes of horses and driving cattle wildly home from the field. A good, strong breeze drives them away, except from the lee side of their victim. They do not seem to invade the houses, though those driving along the roads have to engage in constant effort to protect their faces from attack.

By way of a monument to Thackeray, London is to get out a superb edition of his works. It will be limited to 1,000 copies. The undertaking attracts much attention, as Thackeray was one of the greatest of the English novelists.

The custom of wearing rings is very ancient. It was prohibited in Rome to all mechanics and men of low condition to wear rings of gold, so that permission to wear a ring was a social distinction. The use of rings for sealing is also of great antiquity.

Among the best known Americans, unadorned and scarcely understood in England, are locomotives for "engines," railroads for "railways," horse cars for "trams," depot for "station," switch for "turnout," baggage for "luggage," store for "shop," bureau for "chest of drawers,"

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er, clever for "goodnatured," boards "death," called for "prints," corn for "maize," dry goods for "drapers' articles," handkerchiefs, fall for "autumn," dress for "gown," fix for "repair," hold on for "stop," guess for "think," hard-ware for "ironmongery," homely for "ugly," loiter for "linger," mail for "angry," mail for "post," pastime for "trousers," rest for "jacket," quite for "very," rooster for "cock," sick for "ill," sleigh for "sledge," stoop for "porch," super-duper for "braces," venison for "cud-meat," and words for a "wood."

The "British interest" which has the largest representation in the present House of Commons is that of the man of war. There are two hundred and thirty-nine men in the present House of Commons who are either active or retired members of the army or navy.

We have now in the United States two hundred and fifty firms engaged in manufacturing tools, the bulk of which are exported to Europe.

America, Cuba, Hamburg, and Russia are also our customers. The trade is rapidly increasing. It amounted last year to over a million dollars.

Miscellaneous.

beside her permanent exhibition, the city of Philadelphia has a debt of \$38,000,000.

Seven out of eight giraffes imported last year for menageries in the United States have died. The climate does not agree with them.

Reporer, nearly all the patent and copyrighted leather in this country, amounting to \$2,500,000 a year, is manufactured in Newark, N. J., and it compares so favorably with that made in England and France that it is exported to those countries.

We hear of a tragedy enacted a few miles from the city, a few days since, that is so harrowing in detail and so strange as to be almost incredible. But it comes to us from a source that is reliable, and it is so.

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While they held sweet converse, let us pause a moment, while I describe my heroine.

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PLAY OF THE PERIOD
BY GEORGE A. KERR.

The morning, last October, dawned bright and clear. The sun shone down upon the city, and the birds sang sweetly in the trees.

Along the crowded streets, the people were moving about their daily work. The children were playing in the parks, and the old men were sitting on the benches.

At the corner of the street, a young man was standing, looking up at the sky. He was dressed in a simple, but elegant, suit, and he had a serious expression on his face.

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AN EXTINCT RACE.
The Private Soldier in the War of the Rebellion.

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